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TEAMSTERS URGED TO FIGHT RE-ELECTION OF 8 WORST CONGRESSMEN IN HISTORY

Kokomo Gets Contracts and a Parade Day

By O. B. CHAMBERS

The regular meetings of Local Union No. 759 have been suspended for the months of July and August. However, it may be necessary to call special meetings at any time. Notice of these will be posted and all members are urged to attend, as there are many matters of importance facing our local union today, on which all members should be informed.

We have recently settled our contract with Armour Creamery at Rochester, with an increase for all members involved, along with better understanding and concessions retroactive to May 1, 1948, and the back pay has been paid.

The Teamsters have won their Union Shop election, covering the shipping and receiving department and jeep drivers at the General Tire and Rubber Co. at both Logansport and Wabash, with only three people voting against the Union Shop.

We have also settled our contract with the Shell American employees at Kokomo, which contract covers the entire personnel of the Shell American Co. bulk plant employees, city and country drivers and transport drivers, with a nice increase for the people. The new contract is effective as of July 1, as the original contracts did not expire till September and November.

The contract on National Cylinder Gas Co. of Logansport is now open and will be negotiated jointly with Local Union No. 135 of Indianapolis.

The contract covering our beer drivers is open for negotiations.

Local Union No. 759 has added to its personnel another agent who has served as a steward for several years with Courier Express at Logansport and who has been quite active in the local union activities. We know most of you boys are well acquainted with him and we are asking the members to give their full cooperation to Homer Wilson, so that he may be successful in the new job he has undertaken.

We have recently had quite a lot of construction work starting in our territory in the way of road work, and one job has just recently been completed by the Grady Construction Co. on road 35 near Royal Center, with prospects of quite a lot more of road work in sight.

We wish to thank all the members in the freight industry and also the stewards for the fine cooperation they gave us in getting the Union Shop petition circulated and signed and also ask that they give us the same fine cooperation on this matter for

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1-Man Election Proves T-H Law Made by Fools

One of the most ridiculous illustrations of how the Taft-Hartley law operates for the sole purpose of hindering organized labor is seen in the one-man union shop election just held by the NLRB for Teamsters Local 215 in Evansville.

The red tape required by the law to establish the fact that the Teamsters union was legally authorized to bargain collectively for the one employee of an Evansville concern took a considerable amount of time of company executives, labor leaders, NLRB representatives from Cincinnati and Indianapolis, with resultant cost to company, union and the government.

This cost included the mandated purchase of stenographic minutes of all proceedings, made by an NLRB contract stenographer, imported for the special occasion, assertedly from Springfield, Ill.

One hearing, the minutes of which the union was required to buy, lasted for three and one-half hours, according to Mike Angel, of the union. It was conducted by an NLRB hearing officer from Cincinnati.

The Evansville Labor Forum explains the case thus:

Sometime between now and July 15 something unique in union elections will take place here at the Universal Carloading and Distributing Company plant at 1830 West Ohio Street. Only one man, Walter Dormeier, will vote in the election.

Mr. Dormeier, a warehouseman, is a charter member of the Chauffeurs, Teamsters, Warehousemen and Helpers Local No. 215. He was formerly employed at the National Carloading Company plant, going to Universal in May. The union has negotiated with Universal.

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Four Locals Sign With Omar Bakery

Salesdrivers for the Omar Bakery, Inc., in Indianapolis, Muncie, Richmond and Kokomo are affected by a new joint contract which has just been signed for them by their union officials.

Under the new contract, the salesdrivers receive improved working conditions and fringe considerations, which had been in dispute during negotiations of the last several weeks.

Signing for the salesdrivers were: C. E. Davis, Local 198, Indianapolis; D. E. Mahoney, Local 369, Muncie; James K. Katz, Local 691, Richmond; and O. B. Chambers, Local 759, Kokomo.

Still open are negotiations covering mechanics and shipping room men employed by the bakery.

Here Are the Men Not to Vote For

Charles A. Halleck, 2nd District.
Robert A. Grant, 3rd District.
George W. Gillie, 4th District.
Forest A. Harness, 5th District.
Gerald W. Landis, 7th District.
E. A. Mitchell, 8th District.
Earl Wilson, 9th District.
Ralph Harvey, 10th District.

Drivers' Council Asks All Members To Vote Nov. 2

The Indiana State Drivers' Council has voted to urge 17,000 members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in 30 industrial centers of Indiana to work for the defeat of those congressmen who helped pass the Taft-Hartley law.

Seven of the congressmen who voted for the bill, even over President Truman's veto, and Rep. Ralph Harvey, are coming up for re-election on November 2.

There is only one way to get rid of these men and that is to vote them out of office and elect representatives instead who will represent the people, not big money.

As pointed out to the Council by Pat Hess, chairman of the legislative committee, members of organized labor in all counties of Indiana outside of Lake and Marion counties are being subjected to taxation without representation, and that is thoroughly un-American.

"But," said Mr. Hess, "labor has itself to blame for this lack of representation. Labor must take it upon itself to get out and vote for its representation in Congress. Vote for friends of labor and the defeat of those who would crucify labor."

HOME MADE PIES MIGHT FLY AGAIN

The Home Made Pie Co. of 920 West 34th St., Indianapolis, is accused of making its salesdrivers pay out of their own pockets for all the pies which their grocery store customers are unable to sell.

The amount thus charged to the salesdrivers against their commissions ranges from a few dollars to as high as \$27 per week for each driver.

Apparently, the pie company is trying to get back at the expense of its employees, some of the thousands of dollars it spent two years ago to keep from going union.

At that time, instead of bargaining collectively with the union, the Home Made Pie Co. shot the works and dug up what it took to hire the late Fae W. Patrick to get an injunction.

The injunction, signed by Judge Lloyd D. Claycombe, was one of

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Every Voter Should Realize These Men Are Crucifying Indiana Labor and Veterans

Never in the history of Indiana or any other state has a group of congressmen worked so shamelessly for the exclusive benefit of the rich as have Indiana's representatives—except two—in the 80th Congress.

Grant, Gillie, Halleck, Harness, Johnson, Landis, Mitchell, Wilson, Springer, succeeded by his ghost Harvey:

These men have voted, some for several terms, consistently for every law which would help the rich and hurt the poor. They represent the minority of rich industrialists and have been elected time after time for the sole reason that working people who suffer most by the laws of these men are too dumb to get out and vote against them.

Not one of these representatives could have been elected in the first place if the people had voted.

But the people didn't vote. Only the factory owners and big business men, their friends and the suckers who believe the lies spread by the big money machine voted. And so these smart office-boy orators, for big money, got themselves elected.

Grant, Gillie, Halleck, Harness, Johnson, Landis, Mitchell, Wilson, Springer, succeeded by Harvey, the ghost. What a group of political gangsters! Every one of them is ganged up with political gangsters of the National Association of Manufacturers, the Chamber of Commerce, the Real Estate thieves.

Nine of Indiana's 11 representatives in Congress got elected in 1946 for the sole reason that the big money organizations had money to buy newspaper space (and editorials) and there were enough suckers who believed the lying propaganda contained in these articles.

For instance, many gullible Hoosiers believed that these representatives would help reduce the cost of living. One sponsor of these men, the NAM, spent more than a million dollars to kill price controls. Most of our department store newspapers applauded killing the OPA, and our Hoosier congressmen helped kill the OPA on the solemn pledge to reduce prices.

Who can believe a word any of these nine congressmen say after that?

These nine congressmen helped pass the Taft-Hartley bill, even over the President's veto. Now their sponsoring NAM and Chambers of Commerce and the department store newspapers are saying that the Taft-Hartley law is good for organized labor. Nobody but a damn fool believes that to be true.

These nine congressmen helped kill Social Security for 750,000 Americans who have gone broke in their old age, including all truck drivers working for themselves and taxicab operators. Our nine congressmen voted for this law for the sole purpose of saving tax money for their rich sponsors.

Our nine congressmen voted against every bill designed to aid war veterans after promising two years ago to reward the heroes with low cost housing projects, slum clearance, etc. They will promise aid to veterans again this year, and the veterans will be silly if they believe a word of those promises.

Of the nine Hoosier representatives in the 80th Congress, Noble J. Johnson has been appointed to a judgeship, and the people of his district have a new candidate.

Representative Springer has died, but his anti-labor spirit survives in Ralph Harvey.

The others, including Harvey, are on the firing line ready and willing to go back to Congress and give the United States over to the rich again. Vote against them. Have your relatives and all your friends vote against them. Help defeat Grant, Gillie, Halleck, Harness, Landis, Mitchell, Wilson, Harvey.

Social Security Killed

Congress ran rough-shod over President Truman's veto of a social security bill which he said would deprive 750,000 legally deserving persons of old-age and unemployment insurance benefits.

The House vote to override was 297 to 75, which was 49 more than the necessary two-thirds majority. The Senate vote was 65 to 12.

Weeks ago, AFL President William Green exposed the "joker" in the bill which would exempt three-quarters of a million persons from coverage under the Social Security system. Those affected are chiefly commission and life insurance salesmen, pieceworkers, truck and taxicab drivers, miners, journeymen tailors, and other self-employed persons.

"In June, 1947," the President's message stated, "the Supreme Court held that these employes have been justly and legally entitled to Social Security protection since the beginning of the program in 1937. I cannot approve legislation which would deprive many hundreds of thousands of employes, as well as their families, of Social Security benefits when the need for expanding our social insurance system is so great."

Truth Out About NAM

You have read about the NAM—the national organization which fostered and promoted the Taft-Hartley act. This is what Alfred S. Cleveland, business consultant and lecturer at the University of California, has to say about the NAM, after a careful investigation of its history:

"Since the turn of the century, the NAM has not changed its basic objectives, which are: (1) to discourage organized labor; (2) minimize taxes on industry and managerial compensation; (3) oppose government regulation of industry; (4) encourage public aid in industry—if that does not conflict with the first three objectives."

In other words, the NAM policy is "everything for Big Business and nothing for labor and the public."

Cleveland, in his investigation, discovered that, though the NAM has many members who are enlightened and forward-looking, they have no voice whatever in the direction or in setting the policies of the organization. It is run by 125 large corporations, who actually represent less than one per cent of its membership.

The bosses of the NAM control it so carefully that, says Cleveland, at conventions, "conflicting points of view are either suppressed or quickly compromised into meaningless platitudes."

Cleveland does not go into the smelly scandals in which NAM was involved during the Woodrow Wilson administration, nor does he discuss the activities of its lobbyists in Washington, D. C. Yet, he hammers home the fact, which we have often suspected, that it is strictly controlled by the big fellows, and that it hates Labor above all else.—*Washington Teamster*.

Trucker Secretary Explains Legislation to Teamsters

James E. Nicholas, executive secretary of the Indiana Motor Truck Association, ran off a 17-minute motion picture, showing the evolution of transportation from the surrey with a fringe to the latest semi—at the last meeting of the State Drivers' Council in Indianapolis.

Mr. Nicholas also explained something of the legislative program of his organization and supplied the Teamsters with lists of all candidates coming up for the next Legislature.

These we are printing in this publication, from time to time.

State Rodeo Planned

Plans for the annual state rodeo for drivers, held as a feature of the IMTA's annual state convention, should be complete in the near future. The rodeo and convention will be held on September 23, 24 and 25 at Indianapolis.

Leo Bringwald, president of the Terre Haute Motor Carriers' Association, advises that his organization will stage a drivers' contest in that city on July 18, winners to come to Indianapolis for the state finals.

The Evansville Chamber of Commerce, Traffic and Commercial Vehicle Division, is sponsoring plans for a two-day truck rodeo to be held in Evansville, probably early in August, in cooperation with the Southwestern Motor Carriers' Association. —"Fifth Wheel."

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sal for 10 years to represent the one employe.

Clyde Birdsong, president of Local 215 and its business manager, explains that the union petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for the election because the law requires a secret election with a majority before a union shop clause can go into a contract.

The contract always has included the union shop clause, he says, and Local 215 wanted to continue it under the Taft-Hartley law.

Mr. Dormeler himself isn't greatly concerned over the election and doesn't see how it can be secret, exactly, despite the law requiring a secret election.

As he explains it, he is a charter member of the union and how would anyone expect a charter member to vote.

P. S.—The election was held, under supervision of John Hines, from the Indianapolis NLRB office, and went 100 per cent in favor of the union.

The case was so fantastic that even *Newsweek* magazine had something about it. But what *Newsweek* did not report was the fact that the election was made necessary by the Taft-Hartley law, and that the law was written and promoted as a labor-busting instrument by the National Manufacturers Association and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

HOME MADE PIES MIGHT FLY AGAIN

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the most drastic ever issued by any judge anywhere since the Middle Ages and favored the company to the extent of restraining a man even from telling his own wife not to buy Home Made pies.

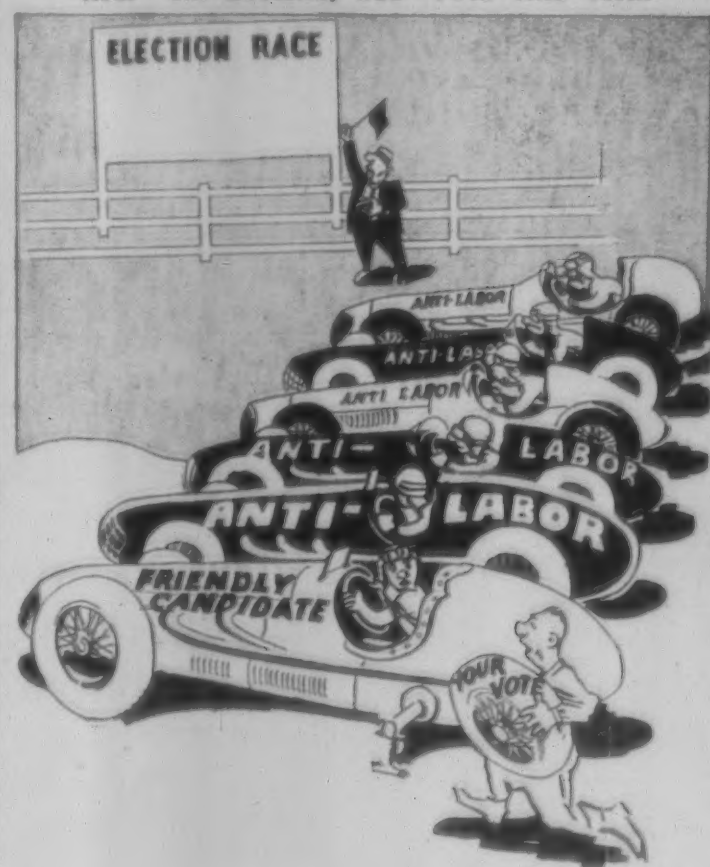
But the cost of obtaining the injunction was enormous and almost broke up the company. And although it has changed to the management of Blue Bird of Dayton, Ohio, much of its stock is said still to be held by persons who want that injunction money back.

Accusation that the drivers are being charged personally for their rejected pies was made July 14 by officers of the salesdrivers' union, Local 188, headed by C. E. Davis, president.

Eleven of the drivers belong to this local, but the company refuses to bargain collectively for them and that fact, according to Davis, leaves the union with no alternative but to declare a strike at the Home Made Pie Co.

"The Union Label . . . enables consumers to do their part toward encouraging continuation of enlightened, friendly relations between labor and management."—President Truman.

KEEP 'EM ROLLING, BUD—VOTE THIS YEAR



Wolljung's Big Catfish; Was It Caught—or Bought?

Here is something new—a fish story without a liar!

It involves a 32-pound catfish, caught in Lake Shafer and was brought back to Indianapolis by Fred Wolljung, who is the day foreman of mechanics at Columbia Terminals.

It was some catch, natch, and the business agents around Teamsters Local 193, of which Brother Wolljung is a member, were trying to figure out whether it was real or dreamed up. Red Day swore he had seen it and he stood on a chair and leveled his hand above the floor to show Mel and McKinnon how long it was.

So we called up Brother Wolljung and asked him if it were true about that big catfish and if he had really caught it while on his vacation at Shafer.

"Yes," Brother Wolljung replied. "It's as big as they say. That is, it weighed 32 pounds. I bought it, all right."

"What's that?" we wanted to know. "It sounds like you said 'bought it.' Now, which is it? Did you bought it or caught it?"

"Bought is the right word," said Wolljung, and spoiled our story.

Just the same, the fish made a good meal for the Wolljungs and their relatives, all gathered at Greenfield and numbering 30 persons.

Brothers John Poe and Joseph Heyob, of the Samson Paper Co., have both become fathers, recently, of baby boys. Fathers and sons are reportedly doing well.

Brother Charles Steinhauer, of Local 193, is convalescing at his home, in Indianapolis, from an illness which has kept him off the job for several weeks.

Brother Walter Fletcher, of Columbia Terminals, has recovered from an operation sufficiently to leave Methodist Hospital.

We wonder, is it true?—We hear that Don (Egg Head) Mundy has got himself entangled in Webb City, Mo.

Definition of a Scab

At a conspiracy trial held in England the prosecuting counsel gave the following definition of a scab:

"A scab is to his trade what a traitor is to his country. Though both may be 'useful' in troublesome times, they are detested by all when peace returns.

When help is needed the scab is the last to contribute assistance and the first to grasp the benefit he never labored to secure. He cares only for himself; he sees not beyond the extent of a day, and for a momentary appropriation he would betray friends, family and country.

"In short, he is a traitor on a small scale who first sells his journeymen and is afterward sold in turn by his employer, until at last he is despised by both and deserted by all. He is an enemy to himself, to the present time and to all posterity."

—From a British Labor Paper, May 6, 1912.

The Right to
VOTE
Is Your
Priceless
Heritage
Don't Fail to Use It

D. E. MAHONEY

On the Line with 369

We have signed our city freight agreement, bringing 15 cents an hour increase for 500 drivers and dockmen employed by 38 freight companies in Muncie and its vicinity.

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Our members who are working for the Indiana Bridge Co. also are to get 15 cents more on the hour, by terms of a new agreement just reached between Local 369 and that company.

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Ten cents an hour increase is the amount obtained for the union for its members working for the Magic City Supply Co. In addition, they now get two weeks' vacation a year, after one year's employment. Also, they now have a guaranteed work week.

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The officers and members of Local 369 are glad to learn that Brother Loren Shockley, of the French Steam Dye Works, Muncie, is assured the full recovery of his eye sight and that the operation on his eye, performed in St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, is reportedly having a successful outcome. Good luck!

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We have just won a union shop election at the Beatrice Creamery Co., following the signing of a contract with the company some time ago.

Candidates for General Assembly

To Be Voted on at the General Election,
November 2, 1948

SENATE

Counties	Republicans	Democrats
Allen & Noble	Lucius Somers, R. R. 1, Hoagland.	Mark L. France, R. R. 1, Rome City.
Brown, Greene & Monroe	Robert G. Miller, 210 N. Washington St., Bloomington.	Herman C. Evans, Ellettsville.
Carroll, Clinton & White	Roy Conrad, R. R. 2, Monticello.	Joseph P. Mylett, R. R. 2, Camden.
Cass & Fulton	Clyde R. Black, 2130 North St., Logansport.	Dale E. Beck, R. R. 2, Galveston.
Clay & Parke	Ralph E. Porter, Marshall.	Clay E. Moss, R. R. 3, Brazil.
DeKalb, Lagrange & Steuben	Willis K. Batchelet, 202 E. Broad St., Angola.	
Delaware	Wilfred W. Wingate, 200 E. Washington St., Muncie.	Marker Sunderland, 309 University Ave., Muncie.
Elkhart	D. Russell Bontrager, 115 W. Crawford St., Elkhart.	
Fayette, Rush & Shelby	Chauncey W. Duncan, 612 N. Main St., Rushville.	Manford Ferguson, 1323 Fayette St., Connersville.
Fountain, Vermillion & Warren	Wesley Malone, 1429 North 8th St., Clinton.	Howard W. Miller, 414 E. Main St., Attica.
Hendricks, Morgan & Owen	John A. Kendall, R. R., Danville.	
Jackson, Scott & Washington	Fulton R. Meyer, 227 Lee Blvd., Seymour.	John Blunt, Little York.
Johnson & Marion	Harold O. Burnett, 5736 Madison Ave., Indianapolis (3).	Greyble L. McFarland, Jr., R. R. 1, Box 708, Indianapolis (44).
Kosciusko & Wabash	Floyd Stevens, R. R. 2, Claypool.	
Lake-2	John A. Brennan, 722 Buchanan St., Gary. James S. McCarthy, 1701 LaPorte St., Whiting.	Walter A. Baran, 4835 Baring Ave., East Chicago. Edmund F. Makowski, 5011 Olcott St., East Chicago.
LaPorte & Starke	Harold Willis Handley, 2021 Indiana St., LaPorte.	Frank L. Yeoman, R. R. 1, Hanna.
Madison	William Lincoln Peck, R. R. 2, Anderson.	Walter Vermillion, 1504 Nichol Ave., Anderson.
Marion-4	Mrs. Arcada S. Balz, 32 W. Hampton Dr., Indianapolis (8). Robt. Lee Brokenburr, 2066 Highland Place, Indianapolis (2). Harry O. Chamberlin, 3907 N. Pennsylvania, Indianapolis (5). Donald M. Ream, R. R. 14, Box 294, Indianapolis (44).	Mrs. Mary Garrett, 875 W. D. Woodruff Pl., Indianapolis (1). Walter F. Kelly, 6845 E. Pleasant Run Pkwy., Indianapolis (19). Cecil McConahay, 5021 East 11th St., Indianapolis (1). Judson H. West, 128 S. Hawthorne Lane, Indianapolis (19).
Marshall & St. Joseph	DeVere D. Goheen, 138 E. Broadway, South Bend.	Louis F. Baldoni, 3523 S. Wise Circle, South Bend.
Vanderburgh	Clyde L. Castle, 311 S. Rotherwood Ave., Evansville (3).	
Vigo	Lloyd C. Adamson, 217 South 22nd St., Terre Haute.	Leonard F. Conrad, 820 North 12th St., Terre Haute.

COLUMBUS COP HELPED SCABS, WANTS RAISE

Sergeant Brown, of the Columbus, Ind., police department, wants a raise. Good Mrs. Brown wants him to have it, so that she can share with him some of the nicer things of this world.

The cost of living being what it is and going higher every day, it takes more now to get along than it did five years ago, and so a policeman should have more pay for his services than the \$210 per month which Sergeant Brown now receives.

Therefore Sergeant Brown has added his plea along with all the other members of the Columbus police department and fire department made to the Columbus City Council for \$25 per month more money.

When the drivers for King's Taxi Co. in Columbus went on strike June 24 and some one was needed to work the gasoline pump there at headquarters near the center of town, to fill the cabs driven by scabs, it was Sergeant Brown who worked the pump—in his off hours.

When a body guard was considered advisable to accompany scab drivers about the streets of Columbus, Sergeant Brown served as body guard—in his off hours.

And all the while Mrs. Brown sat at headquarters, as an unofficial observer, and assertedly told the picketing strikers "If we didn't like our jobs we could get another one."

The striking drivers, all members of Teamsters Local 188 ended their 10-day walkout on July 4, after being promised more money as conditions should justify, retention of their union recognition and the promise that the company would hire an East Columbus taxi-cab driver who had quit his job rather than scab on the strikers.

Eight Drivers Honored for Perfect Score

Transamerican Freight Lines, Inc., has awarded Charles McDowell and seven other members of Teamsters Local 135, Indianapolis, medals of honor for safe driving.

McDowell, who lives at 9715 East 46th St., received an engraved gold watch and safety badge for maintaining a perfect 10-year record of driving without an accident.

W. R. Wood, company manager, made the presentations at ceremonies befitting the occasion.

Engraved lifetime pen-and-pencil sets and silver badges were awarded to John Gardner, 1625 North Euclid Ave., and Thobert Frost, 1913 Holmes Ave., for five years of safe driving each.

Other badges were awarded for safe driving for one to four years to Charles Van Kirk, Jack F. Stewart, R. O. Smith, Leslie Krebs and Fred Cook.

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Look-See with 233

Vacation time is really here; and it sure is swell to relax during vacation. But remember, if your vacation comes during the week dues are checked off, you must pay your agent or bring the money to the office. Any member delinquent in his dues automatically cancels his death donation.

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Sorry to hear about the death of Brother Jesse Mize's father. Bro. Mize, of Glidden's, tells us that his father was 99 years old, an example of clean living.

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A & P members of Local 233 have drawn up their contract proposal, as have employees of the Standard Grocery division of the National Tea Co. and the Glidden Co.

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The John Wachtel Co. and Local 233 have agreed upon a contract, with a wage increase and many fringe issues.

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Sorry to hear that Brother Ray McGee, of the Indianapolis Warehouse, is on the sick list. Hope you get well soon, Ray!

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It appears that Brother Sidney Doss, of Strohm Warehouse & Storage Co., has the local championship on fish catching—a five pound, four ounce carp.

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Employees of the Standard Grocery division of National Tea Co. have struck a resounding blow at the Taft-Hartley law and voted for union authority.

NOTICE: MEMBERS OF LOCAL 233

If you change your address, please fill in the following blank and mail to Teamsters Local 233, 23 West North St., Indianapolis 4, Ind.

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Workers 15-1 Against T-H

WASHINGTON — Union workers are firmly opposed to the Taft-Hartley Act by a ratio of more than 15 to 1, final returns in the cross-section poll conducted by the AFL News Service proved conclusively.

With the help of labor press the poll obtained individual, secret-ballot expressions from approximately one per cent of the membership of the American Federation of Labor and the final tally stood:

Against T-H Law... 69,072
For T-H Law..... 4,464

Thus the claims of the sponsors of this legislation that it is really favored by the rank and file membership and opposed only by union leaders are thoroughly demolished.

On the contrary more than 93 per cent of the workers who mailed their ballots to the AFL News Service registered strong and bitter protests against the obnoxious Taft-Hartley Act.

Thru the Door of 144

The regular meeting of Local 144 is held the second Thursday of each month at the Teamsters office, 213 1/2 South 3rd St., Terre Haute.

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Brother James Taylor is just out of the hospital, recovering from a serious operation. Sure is good to see you around again, Taylor!

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The contract between the Terre Haute Clean Towel Co. and Local 144 is in negotiation.

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We were sorry to hear of the death of Brother Joe Cummins, of Shelburn, Indiana. Our deepest sympathy to his wife and children. Joe lost his life while driving a truck for Hayes Freight Lines.

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The contract with Crane Co. has been concluded with a good increase for all employees involved.

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Sorry to hear of Brother Russell Bealman being sick. Hope to see you up and around soon, Russell.

ANOTHER RED CAB DRIVER IS ARRESTED

Operator of Taxi in Accident Fatal to Dr. Brown Is Charged With Driving without License

People who believe that Indianapolis has one of the worst taxicab systems of anywhere in America are watching the case of Red Cab driver Oscar Manuel, who has been arrested charged with driving without a license, in the accident, causing death of Dr. Harry M. Brown, deputy coroner.

Manuel, 22, and last addressed at 1521 Carrollton Ave., Indianapolis, is at large on \$1,000 bond for hearing August 6. His bond was provided by the Capitol Indemnity Insurance Co. at the behest of counsel for the Red Cab Co., and all inquiries at the bonding company were referred to Clifford Becker, personnel manager of the Red Cab Co.

Becker, incidentally, was formerly police chief of Indianapolis.

Series of Crimes

The death of Deputy Coroner Brown climaxes a long series of accidents, rapings and other asserted outrages committed by Indianapolis taxicab drivers.

Nearly every day the local newspapers carry a report of some woman's charge or of some person being robbed in a taxicab or of an accident in which the taxi driver was at fault. And this has been going on for years, even before the war.

During the war years, people of Indianapolis had the unpleasant experience of riding with companions in taxicabs and found that each one of several parties in a ride were required to pay the full meter charge.

This system continues where more than one passenger is picked up on a tour, and is considered by the driver to be his legitimate graft.

For years, until recently, the Red Cab Co. has had an in with the police prosecutor's office and in the courts through high politics. Accidents involving Red Cabs have been consistently overlooked by the police. If arrested, the Red Cab driver has invariably received a suspended sentence or no sentence at all and seldom more than a small fine for an offense which would have sent anyone else to the penitentiary.

For instance, the Red Cab driver, who ran a stop sign at 52nd St. and College Ave., smashed into a passenger car having the right-of-way and killed his woman passenger. Disposition of case?

Cabs Driven by Ex-Convicts

Until stopped recently by The American Legion—if in fact the practice is stopped—the Red Cab Co. assertedly had a policy of hiring ex-convicts to drive its cabs and serve as mechanics. The prisoners were paroled in custody of the Red Cab Co. management, which in turn dictated the lives of the ex-prisoners and held over them the threat of returning to prison in case they violated their parole by joining a union.

Who Were the Stockholders?

Because of the company's in with law enforcement officials, all efforts to organize its drivers and of putting them on a

higher standard have been unavailing. On several occasions, the better element of drivers have appealed to Teamsters Local 188 for membership, but in each instance that the union has accepted their applications and attempted to enforce union authority, the company has blocked organization with the help of official Indianapolis. And it has been the fault of these political friends of the company more than of the men themselves if the taxicab drivers of Indianapolis are an unsafe lot to ride with.

For instance, when Everett Davis, president of Teamsters Local 188, was attempting to address a group of Red Cab drivers at their barn, Saul Rabb, then assistant prosecutor, drove up, Davis says, and demanded to know of the Red Cab management "do you need any help?"

More recently, when the cab drivers tried to hold a mass meeting in the Athenaeum, Thomas R. Kackley, Red Cab president, and other company officials blocked the entrance, even parking in front of fire plugs and at street intersections. Union officials protested in vain to the police. The night police captain only laughed. To him the Red Cab Co., apparently, was sacred.

This was in May, 1947, before Mayor Feeney came in. The men can hope for something better now. Perhaps these political hot ears will change into vehicles of public convenience, who knows?

If the good Indianapolis taxicab drivers are tired of working with and being classed with the bad ones, if they want the bad ones weeded out of their ranks, they know how it can be done. Let the good ones come back and ask Local 188 again for help, says President Davis. Maybe something will turn up.

One thing is certain. Indianapolis will never have a decent taxicab system until its taxicab drivers are 100 per cent organized.

Death of Dr. Brown

In reporting the death of Dr. Harry M. Brown, deputy coroner, the Indianapolis Times of June 29 says:

Dr. Brown was pinned in the wreckage of his car after it collided with a taxi cab at South and Meridian Sts. at 2 a.m. today, while he was on an emergency run to investigate a death.

After colliding with the taxi cab, Dr. Brown's car careened through a filling station driveway and

Indiana Teamster Receives Citation

The Indiana Teamster has received a Certificate of Appreciation from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis "in grateful recognition of outstanding cooperation in the March of Dimes." The certificate states: "... This newspaper has performed signal service in the public health field and brings hope to our nation that a dread disease eventually will be conquered."

Bakery Mechanics Get Good Contract

A new contract just signed by C. E. Davis, president of Teamsters Local 188, provides increased pay and improved working conditions for 45 or more mechanics in all the major bakeries of Indianapolis. Pay increases are retroactive to April 24, 1948.

Three Pie Companies

Local 188 has signed new contracts with three Indianapolis pie companies, giving union conditions to sales drivers employed by the Maplehurst Foods Co., Real Pie Co., Inc., and J. C. Mills Bakery.

crashed into the Indiana Oil & Equipment building, 409 Madison Ave.

Body Caved In

The body of his car caved in on top of him and police emergency crews worked nearly half an hour before they could pry the wreckage away enough to extricate him.

At General Hospital, where Dr. Brown served as interne before the war, physicians said the victim received severe fractures of both legs, a possible skull fracture and internal injuries.

The taxi driver, Oscar Manuel, 22, of 1521 Carrollton Ave., was not injured and was arrested on a charge of failure to have an operator's license and vagrancy.

A passenger in the taxi, Robert Wycoff, 22, of 1042 E. Market St., was slightly injured.

Red Light on Car

Dr. Brown, who is 33 and lives at 4535 Marcy Lane with his wife and two children, was driving with a red emergency light on his car to 1416 Union St. to make a report on the death of Bernard Wilson, 32, police said.

If you want to know more about the unsafe taxicabs of Indianapolis, read the little paragraphs that appear almost every day in the local newspapers. Here are some of the many recent reports, chosen to show the different types of criminality charged against the unsafe taxicab drivers of Indianapolis:

From Indianapolis "Times" July 8, 1948

A 27-year-old woman reported she was kidnapped and criminally attacked by three men early today as Indianapolis' latest sex crime outbreak continued.

The woman told police she was walking south on Noble St. to her home from the Mecca Theater, 733 N. Noble St., when a taxicab pulled to the curb.

Two youths leaped out, she said, and forced her into the cab, which then proceeded through town to an isolated spot in the county.

There, the passengers and cab driver raped her, the woman charged. Her descriptions of the trio were sketchy, but said the cab driver was blond and about five feet seven inches tall.

She added that one of the passengers wore a checkered shirt.

She said the men then drove her back to the N. Noble St. neighborhood, where she telephoned police at 2:20 p.m. She

Teamster Leaders Plan Fight Against Enemy Candidates In Election Next November



Plans to put the full voting strength of Teamsters Local 526, East Chicago, into the field to work for the election of friends and the defeat of enemies of labor in the coming election were discussed by Steven Toth, left, secretary-treasurer, and Frank Potesak, business representative of that union, as pictured here by the "Labor Beacon." Potesak and George Adams, also of Local 526, were delegates to the meeting in Indianapolis, June 28, held by the state Labor's League for Political Education.

Practically every section of Indiana was represented June 28 at the meeting in Indianapolis of the Indiana unit of Labor's League for Political Education, principal speaker at which was Joseph Keenan, national director of the league.

Among Teamster delegates were Frank Potesak and George Adams, Local 526, East Chicago; E. C. Wilkes, Local 298, Michigan City; Glen H. Rabanus, Local 543, Lafayette; Willis E. Thomas, Local 369, Marion, and Charles Miller, Local 417, Vincennes.

The delegates were chiefly interested in discussing ways of helping to rid Indiana of its pest of anti-labor Congressmen—who frankly serve the Chamber of Commerce and to hell with the public.

In the course of two sessions, Mr. Keenan explained that the labor leaders could best serve the anti-Taft-Hartley campaign by proceeding along the following lines:

1. In order to expedite compliance with the T-H law all contributions should be sent to Mr. Keenan's office in Washington. There a record of the contribution will be made in order to comply with the T-H provision which requires an accounting to be made to the Clerk of the House of Representatives. A check from national LLPE headquarters will then be returned to the contributing group. This procedure eliminates the necessity of local unions to make a financial report.

was taken immediately to General Hospital, where physicians confirmed she had been assaulted.

Indianapolis "Times" April 23, 1948

An early taxi cab ride this morning proved costly to Theodore P. Smith, 1812 Central Ave., who hailed a cab in the 3200 block of W. 10th St.

Mr. Smith found the cab occupied by two men and a woman, whom he believed passengers, but according to his report to police, they drove him west to the country where they assaulted him and took his watch, ring, car keys and a wallet containing \$39. He was forced to walk back into town.

Indianapolis "Star" April 13, 1948

Police yesterday were seeking the driver of a hit-run taxicab which struck Mrs. Molly V. Gebhart as she crossed Michigan Street at Ogden Street. An unidentified passerby took Mrs. Gebhart home and police took her to General Hospital, where she was treated for concussion.

2. The LLPE has set up a research department which will supply information wanted on any candidate for Congress.

3. The LLPE has printed receipt books and sent them to local unions for aid in obtaining voluntary contributions. It is the hope of the LLPE that 70 cents out of every dollar collected can be sent back to the State Federation of Labor for use in the state. "But money isn't the big thing," Mr. Keenan said. "We have manpower that's more important. There is nothing more effective than personal contact."

4. The LLPE plans to concentrate its activities in Congressional districts where there is a chance of defeating labor's foes. No use wasting time and money in opposing candidates apparently assured of re-election.

5. In addition to the T-H law, the entire record of the 80th Congress should be emphasized. For instance, housewives should be impressed with failure of Congress to do anything about the high cost of living; veterans, about failure to do anything about housing.

6. Officers of local unions should take the lead in getting the LLPE program in operation and not delegate the task to rank-and-file members.

Kokomo Gets Contracts and a Parade Day

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Union Shop election, as it is very important that each and every member vote favorable on this issue.

The Committee on Political Education in the 5th District has been very active and we are asking all members to take a part in the activities of this committee. Before long, now, they will receive instructions regarding the past records of all candidates for public office, and it is very important that we elect our friends and defeat our enemies.

Kokomo, Logansport, Peru and Wabash are planning a combined celebration for Labor Day and we are in need of people to take an active part in making this celebration 100 per cent successful. There is a plan for a full day of activity and entertainment for all members of organized labor and their families and friends, to be started by a parade in the city of Kokomo, where the celebration will be held.